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Memorandum to: Secondary School Principals
From: Gene A. Patti, Ed.D. *GP*
DES/Department of School Operations
Date: March 1, 1991
Subject: PIERCE RIGAN EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION;
STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Please forward the attached essay contest information to a member(s) of the Pierce Rigan Educators Association organization in your school.

Encourage active participation by all qualifying students at your location.

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cc: James Moore
Charles Meadows
Janette Colon-Jorge

Attachment

**PUERTO RICAN EDUCATORS
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STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

PREA is sponsoring an essay contest in order to give your high school students an opportunity to express their writing talent. We ask PREA members working in the high schools to actively recruit Puerto Rican students to enter this contest.

ESSAY TOPIC

"AS AMERICA PREPARES TO CELEBRATE 500 YEARS SINCE ITS DISCOVERY, WHERE ARE WE AS PUERTO RICAN YOUTH HEADED IN THE 21st CENTURY".

There will be two categories of entrants:

1. English dominant Puerto Rican students.
2. Limited English proficient Puerto Rican students.

The essay may cover any facet of Puerto Rican life. It must be at least 400 words long for English dominant student and at least 200 words long for LEP students.

All contestants will take part in an intensive 3 day writing course to help them develop their essay. This mini-course will also enhance their developmental writing skills in preparation for the EBPT.

TIME FRAME

Deadline for submitting to PREA the names of students who will participate in the contest is April 6, 1991 (or March 28, 1991).

The 3 day mini-course will be scheduled shortly thereafter. Deadline for submitting the final essay is April 24, 1991.

JUDGING AND PRIZES

Essays will be accepted from contestants whose names appear on the participant list of April 4, 1991.

Selected FREA members will evaluate and judge the essays according to the following criteria:

1. Clarity of expression
2. Relevance to the topic

Prizes in each category are as follows:

First Place: \$100.00
Second Place: \$100.00

Winners will be announced at FREA's conference on May 11, 1991.

All contestants are expected to attend the conference.